Amendment No. 3 to SB0795

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by adding the word "and" at the end of § 49-6-2602(3)(B) in the amendatory language of Section 1, by deleting § 49-6-2602(3)(C) in the amendatory language of Section 1, and by redesignating the subsequent subdivision as (3)(C).

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the language "§ 49-6-2602(3)(D)" in § 49-6-2603(a)(5) in the amendatory language of Section 1 and substituting instead the language "§ 49-6-2602(3)(C)".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the language "§ 49-6-2602(3)(D)" wherever it appears in § 49-6-2603(d)(2) in the amendatory language of Section 1 and substituting instead the language "§ 49-6-2602(3)(C)".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the language "§ 49-6-2602(3)(D)" in § 49-6-2604(a)(6) in the amendatory language of Section 1 and substituting instead the language "§ 49-6-2602(3)(C)".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting § 49-6-2603(d)(1)(B) and redesignating the subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting § 49-6-2603(f) and substituting instead the following:

> If the parent of a participating student or the participating student, as applicable, fails to verify that the participating student's household income meets the requirements of § 49-6-2602(3)(C) according to the schedule and income-verification process developed by the department, or if the parent of a participating student or the participating student, as applicable, verifies, according to the schedule and income-verification process developed by the department, that the participating student's household income does not meet the requirements of § 49-6-2602(3)(C), then the

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student's ESA will be closed and any remaining funds must be returned to the state

treasurer to be placed in the basic education program account of the education trust

fund of 1992 under §§ 49-3-357 and 49-3-358.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting § 49-6-2604(c) in the amendatory language of Section 1

and substituting instead the following:

(c)

    (1) The number of participating students that may enroll in the program from any

one (1) LEA must not exceed:

        (A) For the first school year of operation, five thousand (5,000) students;

and

        (B) For the second year of operation and for each school year thereafter,

seven thousand five hundred (7,500) students.

    (2) The maximum number of students that may participate in the program is

fifteen thousand (15,000) students.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting § 49-6-2611(a) in the amendatory language of Section 1

and substituting instead the following:

(a)

    (1) On January 1 following the third fiscal year in which the program enrolls

participating students, and every January 1 thereafter, the office of research and

education accountability (OREA), in the office of the comptroller of the treasury, shall

provide a report to the general assembly to assist the general assembly in evaluating the

efficacy of the program. The report must include, in compliance with all state and federal

student privacy laws:

(A) The information contained in the department's annual report prepared pursuant to § 49-6-2606(c);

(B) Academic performance indicators for participating students in the program including, but not limited to, data generated from the test or tests administered to participating students pursuant to § 49-6-2606(a)(1); and

(C) Audit reports prepared by the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee pursuant to § 49-6-2606(d).

(2) The department shall assist the OREA in its preparation of the report required under subdivision (a)(1).

(3) The OREA's initial report to the general assembly under subdivision (a)(1) must include the information outlined in subdivisions (a)(1)(A)-(C) for each of the three (3) preceding school years in which the program enrolled participating students.